Medical Officer's Report.

THE Report of the Medical Officer on the work of the Dispensary for 1914 deals with the activities of the Dispensary under the following sub-divisions:—I., General; II., Illustrative cases; III., Social and Economic conditions of the Patients; IV., The Open-Air School in Regent's Park; and V., The Value of Artificial Pneumothorax in the treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Part I.

In presenting the Report for 1914 to the Executive Committee, a personal explanation may not be out of place in the exceptional circumstances of that year. At the outbreak of war, Sister Bartleet proceeded to Belgium as a Sister of the Red Cross. In the retreat from Mons her sterling qualities, well known to all associated with the Dispensary, found ample scope in the care of the wounded in a dangerous and difficult position. Sister Bartleet is still at the Front, although her present station is not known.

The writer received a commission as Emergency Surgeon in His Majesty's Fleet, and the present Report has been compiled in the time available during a few days' absence on leave. This naturally affects the scope of the Report, as the writer has not been in immediate touch with the Dispensary since July, 1914. The Dispensary Porter, Private E. P. Beston, a Reservist, was called to the Colours, and is on active service with the Expeditionary Force.